# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:281
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TESTING OF FERTILIZER SMAPLES
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the samples of fertilizers and insecticides used in agriculture are tested by the Government throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the laboratories situated in various states for the purpose;

(d) the details of the targets for testing of fertilizer samples fixed and achieved during the last three years for each laboratory in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the conditions of these laboratories?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 281 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2007.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): There are 68 Fertiliser testing laboratories in the country including four of the Central Government, with analyzing capacity of 1.28 lakh samples per annum. Details are in Annexure-I.

The samples of insecticides are tested by 49 state pesticide testing laboratories located in 21 States and a Union Territory, with annual analyzing capacity of 51440 samples. Two regional pesticides testing laboratories located at Kanpur and Chandigarh under the control of Central Government auguments the effort of States and Union Terriorities for testing insecticides. The Central Insecticide Laboratory, Faridabad performs the statutory functions of referral analysis for prosecution cases. The names of pesticide testing laboratories is given in Annexure II.

(d): The details of fertilizer laboratories including the targets and achievements during last three years is given in Annexure I.

(e): The details of the method of analysis of quality parameters of fertilizers, minimum laboratory equipment and other laboratory facilities and qualification of Fertilizer Analyst have been prescribed under Fertilizer Control Order (FCO),1985. Also training of Fertilizer Analysts by Central Fertiliser Quality Control & Training Institute is mandatory. The States are also advised to strengthen the quality control system through the Macro Management Scheme.

States have been provided the Grants-in- aid to strengthen the facilities in existing pesticides laboratories and also for setting up new state pesticide testing laboratories.In case of new state pesticide testing laboratories, Government of India provides Rs 45.00 lakh for construction of laboratories and Rs 25.00 lakh for purchase of equipments.